12·5% of additional land to be granted to the persons affected by NSPT project ; and

(b) is so, what are the grounds put forward by Maharashtra Government and the action taken by the Central Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra have based their request on the ground that the expenditure involved related to the development of the land for resettlement of the project affected persons of the Nhava Sheva Port Project. The view of the Central Government is that the Nhava Sheva Port was asked to bear only the cost of acquisition of additional land for the resettlement of these displaced persons and the development of land had to be done by CIDCO, as communicated by the State Government to the Central Government in March, 1984. Therefore, Nhava Sheva Port should not be asked to bear the cost of development of this land. No further action is, therefore, required to be taken by the Central Government in this regard.

Maharashtra's request for transfer of Railway land in Bombay

897. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN ; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has urged the Railways to transfer the tenure of the land beyond 30 feet of rail track in Bobmay so that a wall can be built up under the World Bank Project and Prime Minister's Grants project;

(b) if so, what are the details of this request; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon by the Railways?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra have requested the Railways for transfer of railway lands which fall outside the safety zone (taken as 30 feet if a wall is constructed) and which are not required by the Railways for future development works, to undertake the slum upgradation programme.

(c) The subject has been discussed between the officials of the Railways and the State Government and certain decisions reached.

Starting of local trains on Diva-Vasai Line

898. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways proposed to start local trains on Diva-Visai rail line in view of the decision to start Pune-Ahmedabad train from May 1, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Lack of adequate infrastructural facility.

Visit of the Chairman of the House Asian and Pacific Affairs Sub-Committee of U.S. to India

899. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of